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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASE ACTIVITY, METHODS AND  
COMPOSITIONS FOR TREATMENT OF VIRAL INFECTIONS

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 5, 2001, having a three month shortened statutory period of response set to expire March 5, 2002. Also submitted herewith is a Petition to extend the period for a Response three (3) months up to and including June 5, 2002, accompanied by appropriate fee. The following remarks and amendments are respectfully submitted.

In the Claims:

**Please enter the following amended claims:**

40. (Amended) A method for inhibiting human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) replication in a patient harboring said HIV comprising administering to the patient a therapeutically effective combination comprising:
- at least one first compound exhibiting  $\alpha_1$ -antitrypsin (AAT) or AAT-like activity, with the exception that the first compound is not serine leukocyte protease inhibitor; and
  - at least one second compound selected from the group consisting of HIV reverse transcriptase inhibitors and HIV protease inhibitors, for a time and under conditions effective to inhibit HIV replication.